

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF LAKES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether water quality and ecology in Dal and Nagin lakes in Srinagar and other lakes in Kodaikanal and Udhamandalam has deteriorated;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has sanctioned any fund to improve the quality and ecology of the above lakes ;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up treatment plants there to divert the raw sewage ;
- (d) whether some lakes in the country have been identified as Polluted Urban Lakes under the National Lake Conservation Plan; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make those lakes pollution free ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) Projects amounting to Rs. 298.76 crore for Dal-Nagin Lake, Rs. 1.95 crore for Ooty Lake and Rs. 5.13 crore for Kodaikanal Lake have been sanctioned under the National Lake Conservation Programme (NLCP) to improve the water quality and ecology of these lakes. Sewage treatment plants having capacity of 36.7 mld (million litres per day) for Dal-Nagin Lake and 2 mld for Kodaikanal Lake have been proposed in the sanctioned projects under the NLCP. In case of Ooty Lake, diversion and treatment of sewage is to be taken up by the Government of Tamil Nadu themselves and is not a component sanctioned under NLCP.

(d) to (e) Under the NLCP, conservation works for 37 lakes (including Dal-Nagin, Ooty and Kodaikanal lakes) have been sanctioned till date in 10 States for an estimated cost of Rs. 485.97 crore. The Ministry had instituted a separate study for identification of polluted lakes for inclusion under NLCP. A list of 62 lakes was prepared under the study, which has been sent to all State Governments for consideration and prioritization of lakes in their States. Projects under NLCP are taken up based on the prioritization received from the States and availability of funds under the Plan.